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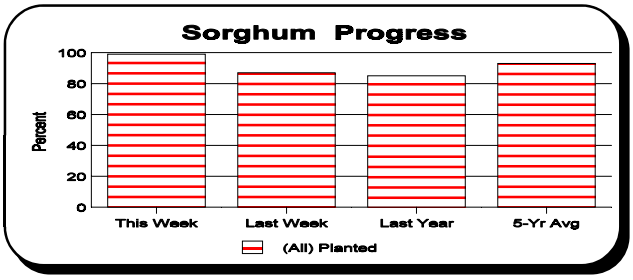
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 13, 2003

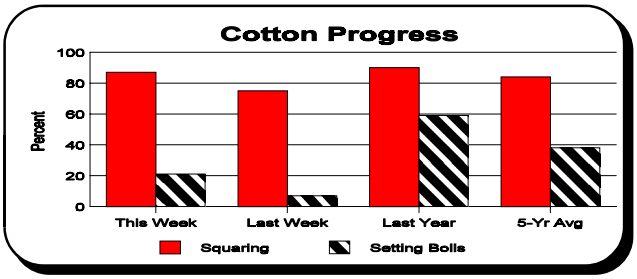
NEW MEXICO: There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Hail damage was 1% light. Wind damage was 16% light and 1% moderate. Alfalfa reported close to finishing the second cut at 92%, 45% of the third, and 2% of the fourth. Alfalfa conditions were listed as mostly fair to good. Corn conditions reported in mostly fair to excellent, with 37% silked (tasseled) and 4% doughing. Cotton was reported in mostly fair to good condition, with 87% squaring and 21% setting bolls. Cotton progress was slow with the heat and damage due to hail. Total sorghum planting was close to completion with 99% planted and conditions drifting toward fair with 9% poor, 74% fair, and 17% good. Total winter wheat harvest was getting closer to completion at 99% harvested. Peanuts had 60% of the crop pegging and conditions remaining in mostly fair condition. Onion harvest was reported at 72% harvested. Chile conditions were reported as mostly fair to good. Chile pod set was reported 17% light, 63% average pod set, and 20% heavy. Apple condition improved to mostly fair and pecans were reported as fair to excellent with nutset at 11% light, 82% average, and 7% heavy. Farmers spent the week irrigating and spraying for insects. Ranchers spent the week maintaining water, supplemental feeding, branding late spring calves, and culling off some older cows to reduce grazing pressures. Cattle conditions were reported with little change at 6% very poor, 12% poor, 35% fair, 31% good, and 16% excellent. Sheep showed some improvement at 11% very poor, 13% poor, 30% fair, 35% good, and 11% excellent. Range and pasture conditions showed little change at 24% very poor, 37% poor, 28% fair, and 10% good and 1% excellent.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CORN	Silking	37	9	48	33
CORN	Doughing	4	1/	26	12
COTTON	Squaring	87	75	90	84
COTTON	Setting Bolls	21	7	59	38
ONIONS	Harvested	72	65	95	73
SORGHUM (ALL)	Planted	99	87	85	93

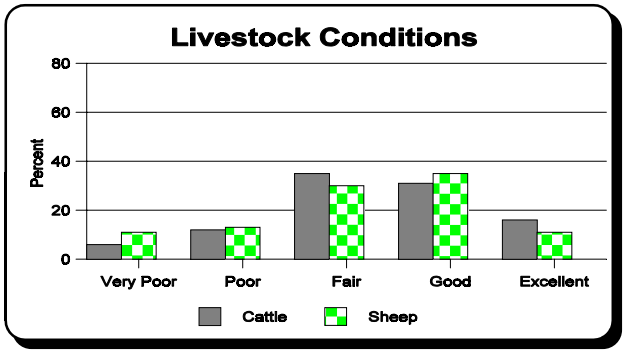
1/ Not available





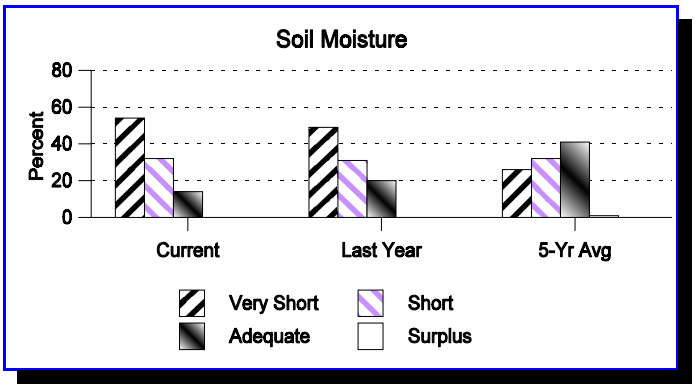
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	10	51	31	6
Apples	15	7	78	–	--
Chile	4	8	26	54	8
Corn	–	6	38	32	24
Cotton	5	16	43	30	6
Peanuts	–	1	75	23	1
Pecans	–	–	23	56	21
Sorghum (All)	–	9	74	17	--
Cattle	6	12	35	31	16
Sheep	11	13	30	35	11
Range/Pasture	24	37	28	10	1



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	82	15	3	--
Northeast	26	52	22	--
Southwest	86	14	–	--
Southeast	51	29	20	--
State	54	32	14	--
State-Last Year	49	31	20	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	26	32	41	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

Most of New Mexico experienced a dry, hot week with temperatures a little above normal. Afternoon readings hit 100 degrees at many locations below 6000 feet and even Chama reached the 90's. Precipitation was mainly confined to hit and miss thunderstorms over the south, mainly on the 8th and 10th. Las Cruces reported the greatest amount (.75"), while radar data suggested some other spots in south and southwest New Mexico likely picked up between one half inch and one inch of rain.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS JULY 7 - JULY 13, 2003

	Temperature			Precipitation				
Station	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	07/07 07/13	07/01 07/13	Normal July	01/01 07/13	Normal Jan-Jul
Carlsbad	83.0	105	66	0.01	0.01	1.79	3.31	5.74
Tatum	80.1	102	63	0.00	0.00	2.52	4.30	8.69
Roswell	83.6	106	67	0.00	0.00	1.99	1.71	6.74
Clayton	78.2	99	60	T	0.00	2.70	6.21	9.00
Clovis	79.7	98	63	T	0.00	2.56	6.24	9.57
Roy	---	---	---	0.00	0.00	2.97	2.50	9.03
Tucumcari	84.0	106	65	T	0.00	3.30	7.43	8.57
Chama	66.1	92	38	0.00	0.00	2.24	7.68	11.08
Johnson Ranch	75.2	98	45	0.00	0.00	1.66	4.34	5.43
Capulin	71.5	94	50	T	0.11	3.25	7.03	10.52
Las Vegas	72.9	95	51	T	0.00	3.31	2.91	9.07
Los Alamos	75.7	92	55	T	0.00	3.25	4.22	9.66
Raton	73.4	98	53	T	0.00	2.66	5.86	9.82
Santa Fe	77.2	99	55	0.00	0.00	2.38	2.48	7.64
Red River	64.1	87	39	0.00	0.00	3.01	8.49	11.93
Farmington	78.8	102	50	0.00	0.00	0.94	1.90	4.31
Gallup	73.6	98	42	T	0.00	1.91	1.57	6.10
Grants	75.3	99	45	0.00	0.00	1.76	1.93	4.79
Silver City	78.4	99	60	T	0.27	2.65	2.48	7.55
Quemado	72.5	98	44	0.00	0.00	2.37	3.32	6.56
Albuquerque	85.1	100	68	0.00	0.00	1.37	2.76	4.42
Carrizozo	77.3	98	57	0.47	1.32	2.05	4.67	5.55
Gran Quivera	77.3	98	57	0.25	0.36	2.81	3.34	7.52
Moriarty	74.4	102	48	0.06	0.06	2.38	2.80	6.37
Ruidoso	69.6	90	51	0.29	0.35	4.02	4.63	10.99
Socorro	80.1	101	57	0.01	0.01	1.44	0.96	3.94
Alamogordo	83.7	103	66	0.00	0.00	2.23	1.31	5.51
Animas	87.0	104	67	0.00	0.00	2.26	1.46	4.74
Deming	85.9	104	68	T	0.00	2.15	2.67	4.43
T or C	84.9	105	66	0.53	0.56	1.86	1.83	4.44
Las Cruces	84.1	104	63	0.75	0.75	1.36	3.47	3.63

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction
All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

2002 PECAN PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Pecan production in New Mexico for 2002 totaled 36 million pounds, a 40 percent decrease over the previous year's total of 60 million. Price per pound, however, increased to $1.25 per pound compared to $.64 the previous year. Value of production increased to $45 million compared to the previous year's value of $38.4 million.

UNITED STATES: Pecan production for 2002 is estimated at 86,500 tons, a 49 percent decrease from 2001.

All Pecans: Utilized Production, Price and Value of Production, State and U.S., 2001-2002

State	Utilized Production		Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	----------1,000 Pounds---------		----------Dollars----------		----------1,000 Dollars---------	
Improved Varieties[1/]						
AL	10,000	4,000	0.580	0.670	5,800	2,680
AZ	21,000	16,000	0.460	1.030	9,660	16,480
AR	1,950	1,200	0.600	0.600	1,170	720
CA	3,700	3,800	0.810	1.270	2,997	4,826
FL	1,200	500	0.510	0.870	612	435
GA	85,000	42,000	0.660	1.020	56,100	42,840
LA	3,500	2,000	0.600	0.890	2,100	1,780
MS	3,000	2,100	0.650	0.950	1,950	1,995
NM	**60,000**	**36,000**	**0.640**	**1.250**	**38,400**	**45,000**
NC	2,700	1,500	0.650	0.950	1,755	1,425
OK	2,000	1,500	0.530	0.600	1,060	900
SC	2,500	120	0.640	0.970	1,600	116
TX	50,000	20,000	0.800	1.020	40,000	20,400
U.S.	246,550	130,720	0.662	1.070	163,204	139,597
Native & Seedling						
AL	5,000	1,000	0.360	0.490	1,800	490
AR	650	500	0.400	0.500	260	250
FL	2,100	900	0.420	0.500	882	450
GA	25,000	3,000	0.450	0.680	11,250	2,040
KS	2,200	2,900	0.400	0.750	880	2,175
LA	10,500	4,000	0.350	0.500	3,675	2,000
MS	1,500	900	0.450	0.550	675	495
NC	500	400	0.450	0.600	225	240
OK	18,000	8,500	0.420	0.500	7,560	4,250
SC	1,500	80	0.460	0.570	690	46
TX	25,000	20,000	0.400	0.650	10,000	13,000
U.S.	91,950	42,180	0.412	0.603	37,897	25,436
TOTAL ALL PECANS	338,500	172,900	0.594	0.955	201,101	165,033

[1/] Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

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ONIONS

NEW MEXICO: Onions growers in New Mexico planted 7,700 acres and expect to harvest 7,700 acres. To date, 72% of the crop has been reported as harvested, yield per acre is expected to reach 560 hundredweight per acre giving a total state production of 4,312 thousand hundredweight.

UNITED STATES: Onion growers expect to harvest 156,180 acres of onions in 2003, down 3 percent from last year. Spring onion growers harvested 31,200 acres, down 9 percent from last season. Summer, non-storage onion growers expect to harvest 22,500 acres, virtually unchanged from last year. Storage onion growers plan to harvest 102,480 acres in 2003, down 1 percent from last season.

Onions: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield Per Acre, and Production, 2002-2003[1/]

Season and State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	----------Acres----------				----------Cwt.----------		----------Cwt.---------	
SPRING[2/]								
AZ	1,600	1,400	1,500	1,400	460	510	690	714
CA	6,400	6,500	6,200	6,300	460	470	2,852	2,961
GA	14,700	14,000	11,500	12,500	125	175	1,438	2,188
TX	16,200	13,000	15,000	11,000	315	320	4,725	3,520
TOTAL	**38,900**	**34,900**	**34,200**	**31,200**	**284**	**301**	**9,705**	**9,383**
SUMMER NON-STORAGE[2/]								
CA	7,500	8,000	7,200	7,700	470	510	3,384	3,927
NV	3,300	3,200	3,300	3,200	560	520	1,848	1,664
NM	**8,100**	**7,700**	**8,000**	**7,700**	**550**	**560**	**4,400**	**4,312**
TX	3,000	2,700	2,800	2,500	350	400	980	1,000
WA	1,100	1,400	1,100	1,400	360	370	396	518
TOTAL	**23,000**	**23,000**	**22,400**	**22,500**	**491**	**508**	**11,008**	**11,421**
STORAGE[3/]	107,250	105,540	103,620	102,480	453	---	46,898	---
U.S. - ALL	**169,150**	**163,440**	**160,220**	**156,180**	**422**	**---**	**67,611**	**---**

1/ Estimates for 2002 revised. 2/ Primarily fresh market. 3/ Yield and production for 2003 will be published October 3, 2003.